

Casnovia Township Regular Board Meeting for September 9, 2019

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Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Supervisor Kelli Ashbaugh with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Clerk Jennie Powell, Treasurer Gayle Brock, Trustees Dan Winell and Jason Jorgensen, Deputy Treasurer Ruth Ann Bull and Fire Department Chief Dennis Deems. Also attending were Township Attorney Catherine Kaufman, Attorney Craig Noland and 11 residents.

Motion to approve Agenda: Motion by Dan to approve, second by Gayle. Passed.

Motion to approve August 12, 2019 minutes of the Regular Board meeting: Motion by Jason, second by Dan, passed.

Public Comment: Four letters from SOLE (supporters of local energy) were presented to the board with signatures of 7 residents. Randy Peterman had questions about the post office driveway repair. Dan Kosheba voiced his opinion about AEP and their mailings mentioning the township board members. Attorney Kaufman reminded Mr. Kosheba that we have no control over what AEP publishes or mails out. Attorney Kaufman updated and informed the residents that there are 2 appeals with the township; one with a few residents and one with AEP. We are continuing to work through both of these.

REPORTS:

BASD report: No report

Commissioner Gary Foster: Meeting with Ruth Ann and Kelli about Senior Resources.

Senior Resources Report: September's luncheon has 90 people signed up. Looking forward to another wonderful time sharing with neighbors. Ruth Ann has had 3 meetings within the last month concerning Senior Resources.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Dennis Deems provided a list of 10 runs for the last month. Because of the FD truck sabotage, locking gas caps will be installed on the trucks in the near future. The driving simulator was an eye opener. It was a good thing to do and will plan it again next year. Check out the website with the updated Fire Fighters "Right to Know". The new "turn out" gear is rolling in. Will be donating the old gear. The ham supper is on track for Saturday, October 5. Looking for donations for the Silent Auction.

Treasurer Report: Presented by Gayle. Motion to accept report by Dan, second by Jennie, passed. Taxes will be accepted until Monday, September 16, with no late fees

Clerk Report: Check register reports given to the board. Motion by Dan to pay the bills as presented, second by Jason, passed.

Zoning Admin. Report: No Report

Supervisor Report: Continuing to work on sewer issues. Representative Greg VanWoerkom will be at the township on Monday, September 30, from 10 AM – Noon.

Board Action Items:

1. Review bids for sealing parking lot. Motion by Kelli, second by Dan, approved to hire Bob's Asphalt Paving in Ravenna for sealing and striping only. Will wait until next year for the repair to the side drive.
2. Introduce Proposed Wind Ordinance. Kelli gave a copy to all board members. PC must have a public hearing. Will be posted and published.
3. Closed session with Attorney to discuss pending litigations: AEP v Casnovia Township and Jonithan/Jennifer Armstrong, et al v Casnovia Township. Motion to go into closed session by Jennie, second by Dan, roll call vote, passed.
4. Motion to come out of Closed Session by Dan, second by Gayle, passed.

Discussion Items:

1. Board Comments: Election in November for Grant and Kent City Schools. Meeting with Risk Control scheduled for Monday. The remaining 2 computers will be installed on October 8. Need better lighting for parking lot. Resident Rob Shelly suggested to have Consumers install on existing pole, similar to street lights. November's Board Meeting is on Veteran's Day. The township will be closed during the day, but the Board Meeting will still be held. Kelli introduced a letter from Avitas LLC d/b/a, concerning putting in a medical marijuana grow facility. After board discussion, it was decided that we will keep our Opt Out Ordinance in effect.
2. Next Regular Board Meeting – October 14, 2019

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 PM by Dan, second by Jason, passed.

Jennie Powell, Clerk